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SUBJECT: FAVORABLE GOA REACTION TO ESTABLISHMENT DEA OFFICE
IN VIENNA

SECSTATE FOR AMBASSADOR HANDLEY S/NM; FLATIN EUR/CE; CLARK
EUR/EX PARIS FOR KNIGHT.

SUMMARY. MINISTER INTERIOR ROESCH AND PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR
GENERAL PETERLUNGER ARE BOTH HIGHLY RECEPTIVE TO IDEA OF ESTAB-
LISHMENT DEA OFFICE IN VIENNA. THEY EXPRESSED PREFERENCE FOR
WORKING WITH VIENNA EMBASSY BASED DEA AGENT RATHER THAN DEA
REPRESENTATIVES FROM OTHER COUNTRIES AND LOOKED FORWARD TO
CLOSELY COORDINATED EFFORT TO CONTROL AND REDUCE DRUG TRAFFIC
THROUGH AUSTRIA. END SUMMARY.

1. AMBASSADOR CALLED ON INTERIOR MINISTER ROESCH TO PROPOSE
ESTABLISHMENT OF DEA OFFICE IN VIENNA ATTACHED TO EMBASSY AND
COMPOSED OF ONE AGENT AND ONE SECRETARY. ROESCH'S REACTION
WAS ONE OF ENTHUSIASTIC APPROVAL BUT ASKED AMBASSADOR TO MAKE
CLEAR TO DEA THAT GOA EXPECTED THE NEW OFFICE IN VIENNA TO BE
THE SINGLE REPEAT SINGLE POINT OF REFERENCE WITH GOA FOR ALL
OF AUSTRIA.

2. GROUNDWORK FOR AMBASSADOR'S PRESENTATION WAS PREPARED BY
PREVIOUS DCM CALL ON CANTANKEROUS PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR GENERAL
PETERLUNGER AND EARLIER DEA DISCUSSIONS WITH CHIEF NARCOTICS
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POLICE HOFMANN.

3. WHEN DCM CALLED ON PETERLUNGER LAST WEEK THE LATTER MADE SPECIAL POINT OF SAYING THAT HE WISHED DEA AGENT ASSIGNED VIENNA TO KEEP HIM PERSONALLY INFORMED OF HIS ACTIVITIES. IN REPLY TO DCM'S QUERY PETERLUNGER AGREED THAT DAILY DETAILS COULD BE HANDLED WITH CRIMINAL POLICE CHIEF ROECK AND "POSSIBLY ALSO WITH DR. ERNST HOFMANN" REGARDING WHOM HE WAS SOMETHING LESS THAN ENTHUSIASTIC.

4. BOTH THE AMBASSADOR WITH ROESCH AND DCM WITH PETERLUNGER MADE IT CLEAR THAT DEA AGENT IN CHARGE WOULD REPORT DIRECTLY TO THE AMBASSADOR THROUGH THE DCM.

5. IN VIEW GOA'S APPROVAL THIS EMBASSY IS HAPPY TO CONCUR WITH DEA'S PROPOSAL TO ASSIGN ONE AGENT IN CHARGE AND ONE SECRETARY TO VIENNA AND WILL GIVE THE NEW OFFICE MAXIMUM SUPPORT WITHIN ITS CAPABILITIES.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE TELEGRAM THIS SUBJECT FOLLOWS.HUMES

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